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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 24 and 26 May 1994, there appear to have been seven flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appear to have been two flights on 23 May 1994 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are given in annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,668.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(24-26 May 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1685	24 May	Unknown	Unknown	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter flying 2 kilometres east of Gorni Vakuf. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	Unknown Slow 600 feet
1686	25 May	0753	0807	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter (white with blue stripes and a red cross) 40 kilometres north-east of Zenica. The helicopter landed in a field south of Zenica, where three other helicopters were already on the ground. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Unknown 1,000 feet
1687	25 May	1452	1453	A United Nations helicopter made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter 40 kilometres west of Sarajevo. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow 5,000 feet
1688	26 May	0852	0828	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a camouflaged Gazelle helicopter south of Banja Luka. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East 100 knots 500 feet
1689	26 May	0915	0922	NATO fighter aircraft made radar contact with a low, slow-moving helicopter 2 kilometres east of Banja Luka, heading south-west. Contact was lost approximately 10 kilometres south-west of Banja Luka. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South-west 112 knots 1,000 feet
1690	26 May	1051	1110	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a green helicopter, possibly a Gazelle, 40 kilometres south-west of Banja Luka, heading south-west. Visual contact was lost 30 kilometres north-east of Knin. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Bosnian Serbs.	South-west 112 knots 1,000 feet
1691	26 May	1210	1215	AWACs made radar contact with a helicopter 12 kilometres east of Gornji Vakuf. The aircraft flew south-easterly for 13 kilometres, when radar contact was lost. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east 120 knots Low

Annex II

Additional information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(23 May 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1683	23 May	0935	0937	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter with red and white markings flying 30 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low
1684	23 May	1239	1241	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross overflying Zenica. The unauthorized flight took place in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low